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Two Captains in One Boat

Being an account of a trip to the Ecstall River as recounted by Newton Pullen of Victoria under the nom de plume of Marcus Drexell in the Victoria Colonist. The next article of the series appears next week.

> PRINCE RUPERT TO ESSINGTON · (Continued from last week)

TING-A-LING-A-LING. Ten more lings, two groans, and then the sound of someone turning off an alarm clock. Both the Other Captain and myself rose at once. That is remarkable only in view of the fact that it was 5.30 a.m. We dressed in what you might term mission style-substantial, sturdy, but not fancy. After paying a last concession to civilization by shaving and brushing our hair, we had breakfast, rode down to the Prince Rupert waterfront in a bakery car, and loaded our mass of baggage aboard the launch Gwen. We had borrowed a canoe, a tent, a hunting knife, a hunting jacket and a pair of rubber boots, and someone had left a rug in our boat by mistake. Otherwise, the stuff we had was our own.

Under a beautifully blue sky and with no wind to disturb us, water kicks up into quite a sea we started on our long-discussed sometimes, as it is open to the trip which was to take us up the winds coming up the mouth. Ecstall River, a tributary of the Soon after we began the run Skeena. Going down Prince Ru- across the river I went to sleep, pert harbor past Digby Island, lying on one of the seats at the where the Dominion government bow. wireless station and the marine department's quarters are lo- I was awakened suddenly when

mouth of the Skeena.

Entering Skeena las the Skeena. The Big Slough scarcely showing. We stopped

vals along the Big Slough, and beach, where we emptied all the boats were fishing there. Dodging water out. fishing nets proved an interest- After that we had no more ing experience but would be very trouble with swamping. At Port annoying to anyone in a hurry. Essington we stopped for a short Each net lies between a boat and time, walking along the "streets," a red-flagged buoy, and so nu- which consisted of nothing but merous are the craft in the fleet board walks. Indians of two difhat it is often difficult to tell ferent religious sects hold street which buoy each boat is connect- meetings in Essington on Sun-

bobbing floats which hold one swelled greatly, but falls off badly edge of the net up to the surface in winter time. jof the water would make it clear which way the nets extended when At Essington we turned into we got sufficiently close, but we the mouth of the Eestall River, had to keep a sharp lookout and which came down to the Skeena ran a tortuous course as we made between high snow-capped mounalong the Slough and into the tains from which streams tum-

on, the long-established fishing make the best of the tide we village, lies diagonally across the should not stop for lunch, and so

Canoe Swamps

ated, we reached the stretch of the Other Captain shook me and open water which had to be announced that the canoe, which traversed before we made the we had been towing astern, was swamping. A breeze was disturbing the river surface, and the The Big Slough is not a eupho- canoe was shipping water' I was nious appellation for one of the hardly awake when a wave filled mouths of a river so magnificent it, and it floated with the top

does not deserve the name which the boat and succeeded in getting savors of mud and rotting trees, considerable water out of the We entered it and chugged up its canoe, after which we continued, length with the tide aiding us. but it swamped again shortly, And I might mention here that for the way we had it tied astern he tide is highly respected in caused it to dart about like a terthose parts. It can be a bitter rified calf behind a wagon. Again enemy and a useful friend. We we emptied it and quit trying to took care to leave Prince Rupert make Essington direct, turning at an hour which would enable for the protection of a point not us to reach the Skeena about the far off. Fishermen, lying idly in time the tide started to come in. their boats, watched us curiously. There are canneries at inter- At last we reached a 'sheltered]

ed. As the fishermen apparently day, and both can be heard conhave all the rights and it is up ducting their services within earto others to keep out of their shot of each other. During the nets, we had to go carefully. The fishing season the population is

Getting Lunch

ALENTIN'S Dairy | main channel of the Skeena. | bled from the snowfields. It Phone 657. McBride Street. | From the Slough, Port Essing- was decided that in order to

phacribe for the Daily News Skeena, and the intervening I undertook to prepare some in the boat while the Other Captain did the navigating. There was one box of groceries and one of ing which I deplored the thor- by way of Skagway. oughness of some people, I sucdiscovered that I had spent my RAINMAKING NOT energy opening a case of gasoline! This did not appeal to the taste of the Other Captain and so I had to try again.

(To be continued)

SEATTLE PROSPECTORS REACH KETCHIKAN IN

Prince Rupert; Accompanied Man With Goat

chased their boat and on the 29th myth.

chikan. repaired. They accompanied Cap- clouds failed; spraying liquid air tain Linden Pentz from Prince on cloudbanks did not chill them

bakeshop products. The lid had Rupert to Ketchikan. With the sufficiently to cause precipitabeen carefully nailed down on exception of Williams, who is an tion; finally, sprinkling the the former, and both boxes were old-timer here, the others are all clouds with electrified sand with hidden under other baggage at on their first trip to Alaska and the hope that there might be the stern. I did some burrow- are enjoying their experience. If some electrical phenomenon ining, found a box with a lid on, they are unsuccessful, in their volved, did not produce the deand got busy with the axe. Af- search for gold along the Unuk, sired result. ter some strenuous efforts, dur- they intend to go into the interior "None of these rainmaking

waste.

PRACTICABLE SAYS PROF. HUMPHREYS of view.

In Address Before British Association he Shows Fallacy of Methods Used

TORONTO, Aug. 8 .- Rainmak-22 FOOT MOTOR BOAT ing on a commercial scale is an unadulterated fake. This is the opinion of W.J. Humphreys, Pro-Arrive Safely After Catting at fessor of Metrological Physics at the United States weather bureau. Dr. Humphreys, who reported his researches to physicists at the Under the guidance of G. H. British Association here, has in-Williams, three prospectors, F. vestigated the more persistently McKay, E. Hoernlein and J. H. urged schemes for producing rain Smith, arrived from Seattle Fri- from the point of view of the unday afternoon in a 22-foot motor derlying scientific principles they boat to prospect along the Unuk involve, and they have also been River. Early in June they heard subjected to quantitative experiof a gold strike in the Unuk River ments in order to try them out territory and on the 9th of June practically. The outcome of the they left California in an automo- study is the conclusion that arbile and drove to Seattle, pur- tificial rain is a magazine cover.

of June they left Seattle for Ket- | Among the methods speedily Recording District of Prince Rupert, B.C., dispatched were the production and situate near Tow Hill, Graham Island. They had a fine trip up, and re- of loud noises, the use of chemi- ling, of 3682 Cambridge Street, Vancouver, port the hunting and fishing as cals, mechanical or forced con- apply for p excellent. While coming into vection, and the use of fog col- ing Prince Rupert one of the connect- leeting screens. Later dusting least side, ing rods on their engine broke the sky with the idea of provid- mark; the and they were laid up for several ing nuclei for the formation of chains; thence easterly 80 chains to point days before the damage could be drops of water in unwilling more or less.

methods are practicable in the commercial sense of the term," concluded Dr. Humphreys. The research, however, did have the result of uncovering data valua-

ble from the metrological point

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